

HBC comprehensive strategy meeting  
AMWG ad hoc group  
Phoenix, May 6, 2003

Agenda (Attachment 1)

Attendees: Nick Carrillo, Glen Knowles, Rob Simmonds, Steve Gloss, Rich Valdez, Norm Henderson, Randy Peterson, Don Metz, Rick Johnson, Bill Persons, Bill Davis, Mark Steffen, Sam Spiller, Gary Burton, and Lloyd Greiner.

Sam distributed copies of the April 16, 2003 Hualapai letter. Rich Valdez noted the problems associated with the Pacific Northwest experience of hatchery-raised salmon, which flooded the natural wild stock. There is no Upper Basin effort underway to augment humpback chub populations with hatchery fish, nor have there been propagation plans developed for when propagation should occur. The concept of growing out YOY wild fish is a very different and more acceptable strategy, with fewer genetic risks. The prudent strategy is to take fish into protective custody as insurance against extirpation, but develop criteria for when propagation actions should be taken.

Discussion about the addition of several paragraphs which will better define the overall strategy for protecting the humpback chub in Grand Canyon. The ad hoc group produced a final version of language to replace section 4.0 of the draft report to the AMWG (Attachment 2 of these minutes). The existing section 4.0 was merged into section 3.0. The group decided to eliminate Table 1 of the report and Section 5.0 except the first two paragraphs, and add appendices containing the proposed projects and a timeline. The project writeups will be ordered and renumbered to correspond to this timeline and included in the AMWG mailing sent out on May 7, 2003.

The next meeting of the ad hoc group will be held in Phoenix on May 20, 2003 (8:30 am to 4 pm), with a pre-meeting the afternoon of May 19 (1 to 5 pm) for those who want to help prepare a strawman of revised proposed projects. The ad hoc group will continue to work on these projects prior to the AMWG meeting, with the goal of completing all its work by early June, anticipating an AMWG recommendation to the Secretary of the Interior at the July 2003 AWMG meeting.